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Re: Attorney Docket No.: JHU1220-4

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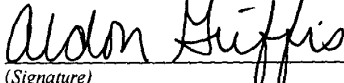
Applicants : Se-Jin Lee and Aurora F. Esquela
Title : METHODS OF DETECTING A LIVER DISORDER
(Amended)
Prior U.S. Application No. : 09/361,655
Filing Date : July 27, 1999
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The prior application was complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b).

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein. The prior application is currently on Appeal. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.

The prior application is assigned of record to THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, by virtue of an Assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on March 12, 2001 at Reel No. 011619 and Frame No. 0339.

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This request includes Three (3) sheets, and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment – Including Exhibit A (7 pages);
- Petition for Three (3) Months Extension of Time (2 pages);
- Check No. 496796 in the amount of \$830.00; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is incorporated by reference.

This application is entitled to small entity status. Small entity status from a previous application is still proper. Fees are being paid herein at a small entity rate.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Multiple Dependent Claims Presented: ___ Yes <u>X</u> No | | | | | \$140 | \$280 | | | \$0.00 |
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If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (858) 677-1496.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

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